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1. On about 9 September 1952 Ho Chi Minh inspected a salt mine at Bai Thuong in Thanh Hoa Province. Ho wore Chinese clothes plus a turban and black slippers. Many people had an opportunity to see him.
2. Ho immediately returned to the Viet Bac area by jeep via Hoi Xuan (105-07; 20-22).

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Comment. Ho's trip to Interzone IV was probably prompted by the economic importance of the area. To cover his actions, Ho probably fostered rumors, which are current in Hanoi, that he was in China during September.

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